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Hello, everyone. Welcome to July. I'd like to wish a belated happy 140th Canada Day to all of our Canadian subscribers. Best wishes as well to our U.S. members for a Happy July the 4th Independence Day.

The Monthly Special Zone for July features websites about Canada Day (July 1), U.S. Independence Day (July 4) and World Population Day (July 11).

For those who contributed to the Baillie Birdathon this year, watch your inbox in the next day or two for a full report on the event, complete with some photographs.

Have a great month and please consider sending along a link or two to share with your fellow subscribers.

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THE COMMENTS ZONE

No comments this month.
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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

We have another low turnout of contributors again this month. Please consider taking a moment to share one of your favourite website with us. Let's hear from more of you!

Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest
Ed Janusz, Stonington, Connecticut
Dave Kingsborough, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Media Network Weblog, Radio Nederlands
Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

CELEBRATE CANADA DAY

http://www.pch.gc.ca/special/canada/11/canada_e.cfm

This is the Canadian Heritage ministry's webpage dedicated to Canada Day and its celebrations.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS DATABASE

http://www.american.edu/heintze/fourth.htm

This database was begun in 1995 by James Heintze, Librarian at American University, Washington, D.C. Its purpose is to bring together in one source selected examples of Fourth of July celebrations that have occurred throughout our nation's history from 1776 to the present. The goal is to capture a slice of the American cultural tradition--its pageantry, spectacle, music, and symbol in order to enhance our understanding of the American character and heritage.

WORLD POPULATION DAY

http://www.unfpa.org/wpd/

Find out about World Population Day, a world-wide event raising awareness of global population and overpopulation issues, held

annually on July 11.

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THE JULY ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia.
The page features an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day.

Here is the link for the month of July.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/July

Also, here are some special days in July:

MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

Cell Phone Courtesy Month
Family Reunion Month
Women's Motorcycle Month

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

15-21 Captive Nations Week
Jul 29 - Aug 4 Single Working Women's Week

SPECIAL DAYS

1 Canada Day
4 - United States Independence Day Celebration
11 - United Nations World Population Day
14 - Shark Awareness Day
20 - Special Olympics Day
21 - Cow Appreciation Day
22 - Rat-Catchers Day
22 - Parents' Day
24 - Cousins Day
30 - Father-in-Law Day

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE...

National Hot Dog Month
3 - Aug15 Air Conditioning Appreciation Days
15 - National Ice Cream Day
24 - National Tell An Old Joke Day
27 - Cross Atlantic Communication Day

Sources:
Chase's Calendar of Events 2007
California Department of Education 2007 Calendar of Events.
Earth Calendar
National Safety Council 2007 Calendar of Events
UN Special Observances and Events
Women Watch Calendar of Events

VIA

http://espanol.ucanr.org/Calendario/July_2007.htm

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RADIO H.F. PUBLICITY ZONE

LIGHTNING ARRESTORS

Summer is the season for hot, humid weather and with it comes electrical storms, with thunder and lightning. Protect your valuable radio equipment with one of a selection of lightning arrestors available from Radio HF.

First, from Cushcraft, the LAC-4 series of lightning arrestors are designed to protect radio equipment from static electricity and lightning induced surges that travel on coaxial transmission lines. They protect equipment from surges up to 5000 amperes.

For more information on the Cushcraft arrestors, please visit
http://www.cushcraft.com/Wireless_Product_Details.asp?style_id=6&group_id=1918

From Alpha Delta, the Transi-Trap surge protectors are gas surge arrestors designed to protect sensitive electronic equipment from damage due to excess voltage or currents generated by transient phenomena such as lightning or static build-up.

For more information on these Alpha Delta products please visit

http://www.alphadeltacom.com/pdf/Transi-Trap%20installation%20and%20tech%20data.pdf

Both Cushcraft and Alpha Delta lightning arrestors are available from Radio HF. Contact us for complete details.

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THE RADIO ZONE

RADIO JOCK

http://www.radiojock.com/

VIA Dave Kingsborough, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Radiojock.com is the website for Radio Broadcasters, with numerous links to related websites. We will be adding new information daily. Be sure to check out the "Links" page.

THE COMPLETE LEE DE FOREST

http://www.leedeforest.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Dr. Lee de Forest was an inventor who changed the world with electronics. His two major inventions were the vacuum tube and sound for motion pictures. This page is dedicated to the man and his work.

OLD RADIO'S CALL LETTER ORIGINS

http://nelson.oldradio.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Ever wonder about the call letters of your favourite radio or TV station? Do they actually mean anything? Well, this page will offer

up most of the hard to find answers.

OLD TIME RADIO RESEARCHERS GROUP

http://www.otrr.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The OTRR Group is a community of enthusiastic fans, avid listeners, and strong supporters of "Old Time Radio". The group's goals include restoring, preserving and sharing the classic shows from what is commonly known as the "Golden Age of Radio" (1930-1960). The OTRR Group, comprised of over 1500 world wide volunteers, has undertaken many ongoing projects and continues to work hard to preserve our wonderful radio heritage.

OLD RADIO BROADCASTING EQUIPMENT & MEMORIES OF THE BBC

http://www.roger.beckwith.btinternet.co.uk/bh/menu.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

On these pages are pictures of old BBC radio equipment and memories from the people who used the equipment. The page is compiled by Roger Beckwith.

KMA367 - AN UNOFFICIAL HISTORY OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION

http://harrymarnell.com/kma367.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The name of the site pretty much says it all.

THE REVERSE TIME PAGE

http://uv201.com/index.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Mike Schultz is a collector, a hunter-gatherer, a pack-rat. He likes old radios, clocks, tubes, electrical gadgets, and things related, like advertising and promotional items, and old photographs. He created this site to showcase some of his more interesting and unique acquisitions.

RCAF WHITEHORSE

http://www.jproc.ca/rrp/whitehorse.html

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

Initially operating as a SIGINT intercept station under RCAF command in 1948, RCAF Whitehorse became part of the Supplementary Radio System (SUPRAD) in 1966, then closed its doors in 1968 thus ending a 30 year presence in the Yukon.

FOLLOW THE MEDIA

http://followthemedia.com

VIA Media Network & Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest

Followthemedia.com is a thoughtful journalistic access-point for media professionals, concentrating on the complex global media world. Our principal writers each have more than 30 years experience in different aspects of media on both sides of the Atlantic. At least one major, original article is posted daily along with short-takes on current media news and follow-up on major media themes.
We concentrate on North American and European media issues. What happens on one side of the Atlantic often impacts on the other side and always offers important lessons. In addition we keep a close watch on Asia, particularly China, the Middle East and Africa regions with expanding media influence on the entire world. We keep up to date through many, mostly personal, highly qualified resources.

HAM RADIO INDIA

http://hamradioindia.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Ham radio is huge in India. In turn India is a huge country. On this page efforts are made to see that Amateur Radio Operators & radio enthusiasts in India & elsewhere get daily News and technological information from various amateur radio groups and manufacturers around the world.

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NEW-TRONICS CORPORATION'S HUSTLER ANTENNAS

Since 1985 Hustler Antennas have been manufactured and marketed by New-Tronics Antenna Corporation. Many of the antenna models designed in Cleveland, especially the amateur radio models, are still in production today. Occupying over 55,000 square feet of factory and warehouse space, New-Tronics performs much of the fabrication, and all of the assembly of Hustler Antennas in its plant. The combination of a high percentage of in house manufacturing, and low overhead allows New-Tronics to minimize cost and offer what we believe is the best antenna value in the US and international communication markets.

For information on the complete line of Hustler antennas for base and mobile amateur radio application, as well as CB antenna products, please review the Hustler catalog of products at

http://www.new-tronics.com/main/html/products.html

Hustler antennas and accessories are available from Radio HF.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

ALL AFRICA

http://allafrica.com

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

AllAfrica Global Media is a multi-media content service provider, systems technology developer and the largest electronic distributor of African news and information worldwide. Registered in Mauritius, with offices in Johannesburg, Dakar, Lagos and Washington, D.C.,

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THE GROUNDWATER FOUNDATION

http://www.groundwater.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Groundwater Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating and motivating people to care for and about groundwater.

FOG QUEST

http://www.fogquest.org

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

FogQuest is an innovative, international, non-governmental, non-profit organization, which implements and promotes the environmentally appropriate, socially beneficial and economically viable use of fog, rain and dew as sustainable water resources for people in arid regions of developing countries.

POST SECRET

http://postsecret.blogspot.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

What are your deep, dark secrets? Maybe you're hiding something big and it's eating you up and you just have to get it off your chest. Well, here's what you do. More than 100,000 people have sent Frank Warren a secret - anonymously - on a postcard. Some of the cards are hilarious. Some are disturbing. Some will break your heart. He displays a selection of what is received each week on this blog. WARNING: Some of the content may be offensive to some readers.

INTERNET ARCHIVE WAYBACK MACHINE

http://www.archive.org/web/web.php

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

How many times, have you clicked on a web link only to find the web page you are trying to access no longer exists? Recently I discovered a web site which has archived some 2 billion web sites and 85 billion web documents since 1996. Just enter the URL of the non-existent web site and watch what happens.

LIBRARY THING

http://www.librarything.com/

VIA Ed Janusz, Stonington, Connecticut

Enter what you're reading or your whole library. LibraryThing also connects you with people who read the same things. It searches Amazon, the Library of Congress and 70 other world libraries. Get

recommendations. Connect to people with similar libraries. Enter 200 books for free, as many as you like for $10 (year) or $25 (life). It's pretty cool. I joined a few weeks ago, and I'm methodically and laboriously transcribing my book journal into their Webforms.

THE MONORAIL SOCIETY

http://www.monorails.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Monorail Society is an all-volunteer organization founded to foster more awareness and promote this unique method of transportation. Monorails are NOT just for theme parks and zoos! Our aim is to inform people of the many possible uses for them. Monorail systems around the world carry hundreds of thousands of passengers safely and efficiently to their destinations every day.

RIPLEY'S GHOST TOWNS

http://www.ripleysghosttowns.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a really fun webpage that takes visitors on a tour of abandoned ghost towns throughout the U.S. southwest region. Join Ripley, the 14-year old Black Labrador Retriever and his family for the tour.

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WHAT'S NEW IN BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS FROM THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY

LEAGUE, THE RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN, and other publishers?

GPS and Amateur Radio - by Walter Fields, W4WCF
With this book, you'll explore GPS: its history, how it works, and navigating with a GPS receiver. We'll also examine how Amateur Radio operators (or "hams") have made use of GPS technology. A popular ham radio application is in the Automatic Position Reporting System, or APRS*. By connecting inexpensive GPS receivers to their radio gear, hams transmit their positions and other information, which is then displayed on maps at the receiving stations. The result is an effective method of direction finding for public service activities such as search-and-rescueand for fun!
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#9922 - $18.95 U.S./$22.95 Canadian
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RSGB Prefix Guide - 8th Edition
Compiled by Fred Handscombe, G4BWP
The complete guide to prefix identification and information. This comprehensive list of prefixes is revised and improved. Not just a listing of prefixes and their entities, the guide provides a host of useful additional material. References include a prefix's continent, CQ Zone, ITU Zone, Latitude and Longitude and many other details. This edition includes all the elements that have made the book so popular over the years such as DXCC deleted entities, Russian & CIS

entities, the popular DXCC checklist, and details of various award programs: IOTA, CQ WAZ, DXCC, WAS and others. New for this edition is an index of countries and their callsign allocations divided by continent.
Designed with a "lay flat" wire binding for ease of use. 80 pages. 8th Edition. 2007, by Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB). (ISBN: 0-87259-113-6)
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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

ROADSIDE AMERICA

http://www.roadsideamerica.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is your online guide to offbeat tourist attractions.

ASCII ART COLLECTION

http://www.chris.com/ASCII/

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

Christopher Johnson's ASCII Art Collection was revealed to the Internet in November of 1994, back when Netscape 1.0 was "soooo much better than Mosaic" and Internet Explorer didn't exist yet. Here we are 12 years later, and if my web-server traffic statistics are any indication, ASCII art is more popular now than it's ever been.

BAD SONGS OF THE SEVENTIES

http://www.furious.com/perfect/badsongs.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a list of the worst musical refuse of the 1970s. See if you agree with the choices.

ALL ABOUT SLUGS

http://velvetdragon.com/cyberslugs/realslugs.html

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

They are creepy, slimey and all around unpleasant little creatures, but this odd webpage finds them quite fascinating! Learn all about them. . . if your really want to.

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THE 2007 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET AND SPECIAL EVENTS ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including
hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local.
(Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2QQ, Pierrefonds, Quebec, and Radio
Amateurs of Canada)

Saturday, July 7
Ontario Hamfest 2007 - Milton Ontario
Location: Milton Agricultural Fairgrounds, Milton ON
Times: Inside Vendors: 07h00 - Robert Street Gate only - Tailgaters:
08h00 - Robert Street gate only - General Admission: 09h00 - Thomas
St gate only.
General Admission - 6.00$ Inside Vendors - 14.00$ per table plus 6.00
$ per person Tailgaters - 6.00$ tailgate permit (per space) + 6.00$
per person.
Talk-in: 146.520 Simplex
E-mail: ontariohamfest@speedway.ca
Web Page: http://www.barc.ca/

Saturday, August 4
Hamfest de ARES (St. Romuald Hamfest) - St. Romuald, Québec
Location: Arena St. Romuald, St. Romuald, QC
Vendors 06h00 - General Admission 09h00
Talk-in: VE2RAG 145.450 (-)
Information/reservations: Théo Goulet
E-mail: theogoulet@videotron.ca
Serge Berube, ve2bpu@...
TEL: 418-839-4846 Fax: 418-839-3532
Web Page: http://www.aresqc.org
RADIO HF WILL BE THERE

Saturday, August 18
Brantford Amateur Radio Club Hamfest - Burford, Ontario
Location: Burford Fair Grounds, 6 Park Avenue, South of Highway 53
(County Road 253), Burford, Ontario
Vendors at 07h30 and General Admission at 09h00 Closes at 15h00 (3
PM)
Tables: $8.00 plus $6.00 admission. - Tailgaters: $5.00 plus $6.00
admission.
General Admission: $6.00 Talk-in: VE3TCR 147.150 (+)
Information: Scott Hamilton, VE3QU (519)-752-4986
E-mail: hamwood2@msn.com -
Web page: http://ve3ba.com/default.asp?page=hamfest

Saturday, August 25
Victoria-Haliburton ARA Hamfest 2007 - Kawartha Lakes, Ontario
Location: Ops Arena, 2569 Highway 7, Kawartha Lakes, Ontario.
Times: Vendors 07h00, Public 09h00
Admission $6.00 Vendor Tables $15.00 includes 1 admission.
Talk-in: VE3LNZ 147.195 (+)
Information/Reservations: Ernie Roylance, VE3ERN at (705)-488-3164
E-mail: ernieroylance@...
Web page: http://www.va3kvd.ca/vhara/

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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, radio broadcasts and other resources that may be of interest to you.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962. Our monthly newsletter, MESSENGER, now published electronically, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby.

SPECIAL OFFER: To all Radio HF Internet Newsletter subscribers, a FREE sample of our monthly CIDX electronic newsletter, MESSENGER, (in .PDF format) is available to you for the asking. Just send along an e-mail to cidxclub@..., with a valid return e-mail address and you'll receive your copy by return e-mail. Our JULY 2007 edition, 69 pages, is now available. Membership is open to radio hobbyists worldwide.

CIDX is working on the creation of a brand new website. Look for the launch announcement of the site in the next month or so.

PRIME TIME SHORTWAVE

Prime Time Shortwave is a listing of English shortwave broadcast that are updated on a weekly basis by webmaster Daniel Sampson of Arcadia, Wisconsin. The schedules are being constantly updated from various print and internet sources as well as from monitoring by the webmaster and other shortwave listeners and DXers. The shortwave schedules are available by time, country and frequency format. Also, they are available in ASCII, DBase, Excel and PalmOS formats (Dan Lyddy creates the PalmOS file). You will also find links to some of the best radio related websites and to the international broadcasters and time conversion charts (some provided by Craig Braun). Please visit the Prime Time Shortwave webpage at

http://www.primetimeshortwave.com/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, soon to enter its 20th year on CKUT-FM Radio McGill, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet on RealAudio, live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1530 UTC or 1430 UTC during Daylight Savings Time. The show's co-hosts, Janice and Steve Karlock, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the Radio McGill web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may listen to archived editions of the programme through the Radio McGill web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@...

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

Radio Canada International is Canada's shortwave broadcaster. The new broadcast schedules for the A07 broadcast season (25 March 2007 to 28 October 2007) have been posted on the Schedules and Frequencies page of the RCI webpage at the following address:

http://www.rcinet.ca/rci/en/horaires.shtml

You will also find the schedules for three 24-hour per day satellite channels on the HotBird satellite (Europe/North Africa/Middle East), the RCI Plus channel on Sirius Satellite Radio and the live RCI Viva service available on the website.

When you travel, stay in touch with happenings in Canada via Radio Canada International.

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